Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 919 - 18583 - 2611 - 145
Date: 12/22/19
Time: 0158 Hours

Location: 407 W. Palmdale Boulevard
City or Station: Palmdale

Bureau/Station/Facility: North Patrol Division / Palmdale Station
Admin. Investigation: ( ) YES (•) NO

Type of Force: Personal Weapons and Control Techniques

Incident Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3
Deputy Injury: (•) YES ( ) NO
Suspect Injury (•) YES ( ) NO

[X] Call [ ] Observation [ ] Detail [ ] Foot Pursuit [ ] Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: (•) YES ( ) NO
Person Notified: Lt. Robert Jones
Emp: [redacted]
IAB Roll Out (•) YES ( ) NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #: [redacted]
Last Name: Schultz
First Name: Tyler
Middle I.: G.
Rank: Dep.

Sex: (•) M ( ) F
Race: W
Height: 600
Weight: 230
Age: [redacted]
Shift: (•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM
(•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 262

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons
( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist
Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3

[X] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted
Facility:
Coroner Case #:

E2

Employee #: [redacted]
Last Name: [redacted]
First Name: [redacted]
Middle I.: [redacted]
Rank: Dep.

Sex: (•) M ( ) F
Race: W
Height: 601
Weight: 220
Age: [redacted]
Shift: (•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM
(•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 266

Individual Force Used: Control Techniques
( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist
Individual Category: (•) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[X] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted
Facility: N / A
Coroner Case #:

E_

Employee #:
Last Name:
First Name:
Middle I.:
Rank:

Sex: ( ) M ( ) F
Race:
Height:
Weight:
Age:
Shift: ( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM
( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:
( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist
Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted
Facility:
Coroner Case #:

On Duty Supervisor

[ ] Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Molina	Luis		Sgt.	YES ( ) NO (•)	YES ( ) NO (•)

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Jordan	James	T.	Sgt.	YES ( ) NO (•)	YES ( ) NO (•)

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Arellanes	Thomas	M.	LIEUTENANT

[signature]
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:**
Date: 10/13/20

Copy Provided to Employee by:
Emp #:
Date: 10/26/20

Captain William E. Jaeger
Unit Commander **(Print Name)**

[signature]
Unit Commander's **Signature**:

Emp #: [redacted]

[redacted]
FO#

[ ] PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Baird	Paul	David	Not Armed

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex:	Race:	Age:	Height:	Weight	D.O.B:	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ◉ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
◉ Male ○ Female	W	23	601	155	03/21/96	[redacted]	

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5828720 Primary Charge Code: 69 P.C. Secondary Charge Code: 243(b) P.C. ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO Name: LACoF Capt. Barlow Unit: 24 Phone #: (626) 273-2724

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Palmdale Regional MC Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Charles Otieno Address: 38600 Medical Center Dr. PLM, CA. Phone #: (661) 382-5000

Under Influence: ◉ YES ○ NO Substance: Alcohol 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 12/23/19 Time: 0201 ☐ Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex:	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex:	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ Additional Suspects Involved

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Horsley	Christopher	M.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	261	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Friedman	Joshua	R.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	266	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Aviles	Christian	O.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	262T1	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	27	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Baird	S#1	Dep Schultz	E#1	RS	NN	NN
Baird	S#1	Dep Schultz	E#1	PH	NN	NN
Dep Schultz	E#1	Baird	S#1	PH	BR	FA
Baird	S#1	Dep [redacted]	E#2	PK	CP	HD
Dep Schultz	E#1	Baird	S#1	PH	FR	FA
Dep [redacted]	E#2	Baird	S#1	CT	NN	LE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Category 3 Use of Force, Maxillofacial Fracture**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2500361**
DIVISION / UNIT:	**North Patrol / Palmdale Station**
URN:	**919-18583-2611-145**
DATE/TIME:	**December 22, 2019, 0158 Hours**
LOCATION:	**407 W. Palmdale Boulevard, Palmdale - "Motel 6"**
SUSPECT:	**Baird, Paul, MW/23, DOB 03/21/96**
INVOLVED PERSONNEL:	**Tyler Schulz, Deputy, #[redacted]**
	[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]

On December 22, 2019, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Robert Jones II, #[redacted] Sergeant Robert Jones, #[redacted] and Sergeant Ernie Ferreras, #[redacted] responded to Palmdale Station regarding a Category 3 use of force investigation. The use of force resulted in a maxillofacial fracture to Suspect Paul Baird. The incident was documented under, URN 919-18583-2611-145. See reports **[EXHIBIT A]**.

SUMMARY

On December 22, 2019, at approximately 0106 hours, Palmdale Station desk personnel received a call for service, Audio Voiceprint **[EXHIBIT B]**. Suspect Baird stated he accidentally hit his girlfriend (Witness [redacted] and he wanted to be arrested. Suspect Baird mistakenly reported his location as [redacted] Desk personnel dispatched the call. See Incident History Report, PLM19356-0019 **[EXHIBIT C]**. At 0129 hours, Palmdale Station desk personnel updated the patrol deputies (Audio Voiceprint **[EXHIBIT B]**) that Suspect Baird was at 407 W. Palmdale Boulevard, Motel 6, room [redacted] Desk personnel dispatched a second call for service to the Motel 6. See Incident History Report, PLM19356-0026 **[EXHIBIT D]**.

Palmdale Station deputies Christopher Horsley, #[redacted] Tyler Horsley, #[redacted] Joshua Friedman, #[redacted] #[redacted] and Christian Aviles, #[redacted] (See In-Service **[EXHIBIT E]**) responded to 407 W. Palmdale Boulevard regarding the priority, domestic violence call.

Upon their arrival, deputies contacted Suspect Baird outside room [redacted] located at the rear of the motel. Suspect Baird's breath and body emitted the strong odor of alcoholic beverages. Deputies detained Suspect Baird in the rear seat of a patrol vehicle pending a domestic violence investigation.

Deputies contacted Suspect Baird's [redacted] Witness [redacted] who stated she had an argument with Suspect Baird inside room [redacted] Witness [redacted] said that during the argument she locked herself and her [redacted] in the bathroom and poured the remaining whiskey they had been drinking into the drain. When Witness [redacted] unlocked the bathroom door, Suspect Baird opened it and the door struck her in the head. Witness [redacted] said Suspect Baird did not physically assault her whatsoever. Witness [redacted] did not have any visible injuries nor did she complain of any pain. Based on the deputies' investigation and Witness [redacted] statement, they determined no crime had occurred at the location. Prior to releasing Suspect Baird from detention, Witness [redacted] left the motel with her [redacted] in a friend's vehicle. Once Witness [redacted] was gone, deputies removed Suspect Baird from the patrol vehicle. Deputies told Suspect Baird that Witness [redacted] and her [redacted] left the motel with her friend. They told Suspect Baird there was no evidence of any crime or any reason to arrest him.

Deputy Schulz, Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Friedman escorted Suspect Baird, who remained handcuffed, back to his motel room. Deputies described Suspect Baird as intoxicated, argumentative, and unsteady on his feet.

Deputy Schulz controlled Suspect Baird by his shoulders and handcuffs as they entered room [redacted] Deputy Schulz stopped Suspect Baird a few feet from the door, just inside the room. They both faced the interior of the room. Deputy Schulz un-handcuffed Suspect Baird, who immediately turned and faced Deputy Schulz. Suspect Baird positioned himself in a balanced boxer stance and yelled at Deputy Schulz. Suspect Baird was drunk and angry because Witness [redacted] left the motel. Suspect Baird advanced toward Deputy Schulz and pushed his left shoulder and chest with both of his hands. Deputy Schulz stepped backward because of the push. Deputy Schulz extended his left arm forward to keep Suspect Baird at arm's length.

Suspect Baird advanced toward Deputy Schulz and swatted his left arm down. He again took a balanced boxer posture and raised his clenched fists up in front of his chest. Deputy Schulz feared Suspect Baird was about to assault him. Deputy Schulz punched Suspect Baird once in the chin with his right fist. The punch caused Suspect Baird to stagger backward and fall onto the bed in a partial supine position, with his feet on the floor. Deputies Schulz, [redacted] Friedman, and Horsley quickly closed the distance toward Suspect Baird to control him. Deputy Schulz kneeled on Suspect Baird's right shoulder and chest to control him with his body weight. Suspect Baird

violently swung his arms and legs wildly attempting to strike deputies. Suspect Baird kicked Deputy [redacted] in the left hand when he attempted to control his legs. Based on Suspect Baird's violently flailing limbs, Deputy Schulz punched the suspect twice in the face with his right fist. This caused Suspect Baird to stop fighting and said, "I'm done." Deputy Horsley rolled Suspect Baird off the bed and into a prone position on the floor. Deputy Horsley handcuffed Suspect Baird without resistance.

Deputies requested the field supervisor, Sergeant Molina, to their location regarding the use of force. Deputy Schulz briefed Sergeant Molina about the incident. Involved deputies reported their force used and witnessed force.

Sergeant Molina conducted a video-recorded preliminary interview of Suspect Baird. See Video Interview 1 **[EXHIBIT F]**. Suspect Baird said deputies punched him in the face, which caused his injuries. Additionally, the video depicted Suspect Baird's facial injuries and the condition of the room. Approximately 40 minutes later, Sergeant Molina conducted a follow up video-recorded interview of Suspect Baird in the Palmdale Regional Medical Center emergency room. See Video Interview 2 **[EXHIBIT F]**.

Suspect Baird stated he had an altercation with his [redacted] (Witness [redacted] at the Motel 6 in room [redacted] Suspect Baird had been drinking whiskey that night. Suspect Baird attempted to get up while deputies were detaining him, and deputies punched him multiple times in the face with their fists. Suspect Baird complained of pain to his mouth and nose.

Deputy Schulz wrote the initial incident report and all assisting deputies wrote supplemental reports documenting their actions and observations **[EXHIBIT A]**.

INVESTIGATION

On December 22, 2019, IAB investigators responded to Palmdale Station. They obtained reports and video documenting the incident. IAB investigators conducted a video-recorded interview of Suspect Baird within a Palmdale Station jail interview room regarding the incident **[EXHIBIT G]**. IAB investigators took photographs of Suspect Baird's injuries **[EXHIBIT G]**.

On December 22, 2019, IAB investigators went to the Motel 6 and video-recorded **[EXHIBIT H]**, as well as photographed **[EXHIBIT I]**, the interior of room [redacted] While at the motel, IAB investigators contacted the Motel 6 [redacted] and requested the preservation of any video surveillance footage from cameras outside room [redacted]

On December 22, 2019, IAB Investigators attempted to speak with Suspect Baird's emergency room treating physician, Doctor Charles Otieno. They left a message, but never received a return call from him. IAB investigators called Dr. Otieno two additional times, but Dr. Otieno's voice mail was non-operable. IAB investigators sent Dr. Otieno

two certified letters (See Certified Letter receipts in **Miscellaneous Documents**) requesting he contact investigators. To date, Dr. Otieno has not contacted investigators On July 29, 2020, IAB investigators obtained the Motel 6 surveillance video **[EXHIBIT J]** from Palmdale Station Detective McNutt. The surveillance footage only depicts the suspect being escorted into his room, and does not depict the use of force.

On July 30, 2020, IAB Investigators conducted consented telephonic interviews of Suspect Baird and Witness [redacted]

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Schulz, Tyler, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division / Palmdale Sheriff's Station

Department [redacted] Hire Date: June 1, 2006
[redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division / Palmdale Sheriff's Station



Department Hire Date: March 28, 2017
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

SUSPECT

Baird , Paul David – MW/23, DOB 03/21/96, 6'01", 155 lbs., Booking #5828720, CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System/Criminal Information Index (CCHRS/CII) revealed Suspect Baird had [redacted] Refer to copy of Suspect Baird's CCHRS/CII printout, **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

INJURIES

Deputy Schulz received a right wrist fracture as well as a torn tendon in his right wrist. This resulted in approximately six months of medical treatment and missed work.

Suspect Baird sustained a Maxilla bone fracture and a facial contusion

Palmdale Regional Medical Center emergency room physician Dr. Charles Otieno treated Suspect Baird and cleared him for the booking process. Refer to Suspect Baird's medical paperwork **[EXHIBIT K]**.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

None

WEAPONS USED BY THE SUSPECT

None

PROPERTY DAMAGE

There was no property damage from this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CHARGES

Investigator's Name:	Palmdale Station, Detective Jeremiah McNutt #[redacted]
Court:	Antelope Valley Court
Charges Filed:	(2) Counts of 69 P.C. (F), and (1) Count of 243(b) P.C. (M)
Court Case Number:	MA077884

Palmdale Station Detective McNutt conducted and completed the criminal investigation of this incident. Refer to his supplemental reports **[EXHIBIT L]**. On December 24, 2019, Detective McNutt filed a criminal complaint against Suspect Baird in the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles Antelope Valley District **[EXHIBIT M]**.

On February 19, 2020, Suspect Baird accepted a plea bargain negotiation of one (1) count of Resisting an Executive Officer, 69 P.C. The court sentenced Suspect Baird to suspended sentence of three years in state prison, three days in county jail, five years formal probation, 30 days community labor, and 26 Alcoholic Anonymous classes. See court minutes Case #MA077884 **[EXHIBIT N]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

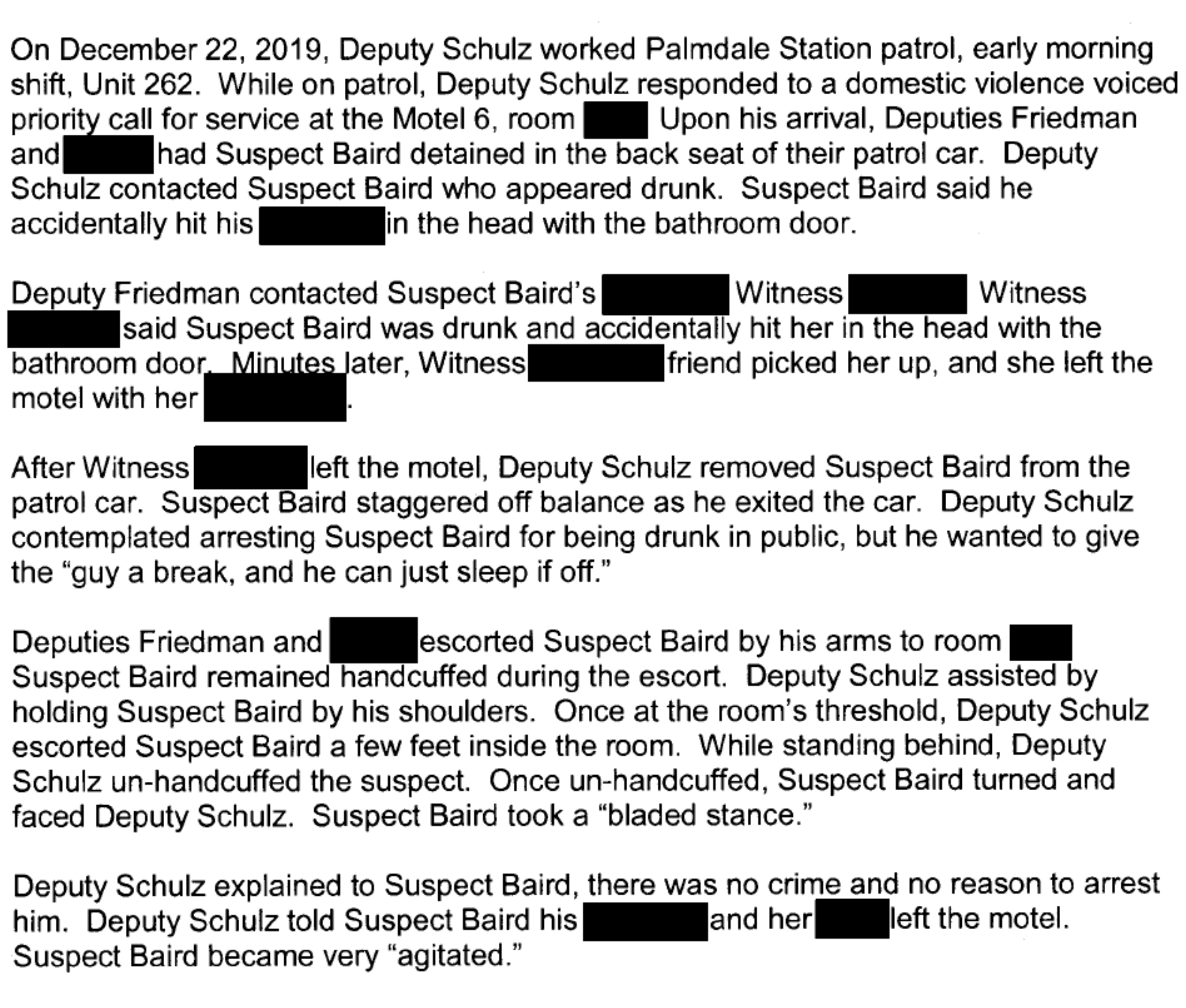
This incident occurred at approximately 0130 hours. The scene was dark with dim motel lighting. The weather was cold with partially cloudy skies.

STATEMENTS

The following are summaries of the recorded interviews of the involved employees, witnesses, and suspect's statements. For additional information, refer to the DVD containing the verbatim transcripts and/or audio files.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Deputy Tyler Schulz



On August 5, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Schulz in the Palmdale Station Detective Bureau Conference Room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 22, 2019, Deputy Schulz worked Palmdale Station patrol, early morning shift, Unit 262. While on patrol, Deputy Schulz responded to a domestic violence voiced priority call for service at the Motel 6, room [redacted] Upon his arrival, Deputies Friedman and [redacted] had Suspect Baird detained in the back seat of their patrol car. Deputy Schulz contacted Suspect Baird who appeared drunk. Suspect Baird said he accidentally hit his [redacted] in the head with the bathroom door.

Deputy Friedman contacted Suspect Baird's [redacted] Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] said Suspect Baird was drunk and accidentally hit her in the head with the bathroom door. Minutes later, Witness [redacted] friend picked her up, and she left the motel with her [redacted].

After Witness [redacted] left the motel, Deputy Schulz removed Suspect Baird from the patrol car. Suspect Baird staggered off balance as he exited the car. Deputy Schulz contemplated arresting Suspect Baird for being drunk in public, but he wanted to give the "guy a break, and he can just sleep if off."

Deputies Friedman and [redacted] escorted Suspect Baird by his arms to room [redacted] Suspect Baird remained handcuffed during the escort. Deputy Schulz assisted by holding Suspect Baird by his shoulders. Once at the room's threshold, Deputy Schulz escorted Suspect Baird a few feet inside the room. While standing behind, Deputy Schulz un-handcuffed the suspect. Once un-handcuffed, Suspect Baird turned and faced Deputy Schulz. Suspect Baird took a "bladed stance."

Deputy Schulz explained to Suspect Baird, there was no crime and no reason to arrest him. Deputy Schulz told Suspect Baird his [redacted] and her [redacted] left the motel. Suspect Baird became very "agitated."

Suspect Baird walked toward Deputy Schulz. Deputy Schulz slowly walked backward with his left arm extended forward in the direction of Suspect Baird. Suspect Baird yelled, "Get the fuck out of my way" as he advanced toward Deputy Schulz. Suspect Baird swiped Deputy Schulz extended arm away and shoved him, twice in the chest with his hands. Deputy Schulz retreated to the doorway and took a defensive stance. Suspect Baird raised his fists as if he was about to assault Deputy Schulz. Fearing assault, Deputy Schulz punched Suspect Baird once in the face, causing him to fall backward onto the bed. Deputy Schulz quickly advanced and positioned himself above Suspect Baird. Suspect Baird wildly swung his hands toward Deputy Schulz. Deputy Schulz punched Suspect Baird two additional times in the face. He heard Suspect

Baird say, "I'm done." The suspect was moved from the bed, to the floor, and handcuffed without any resistance.

Deputy Schulz saw Suspect Baird was bleeding from his nose and mouth. Deputy Schulz reported his used force and his sustained wrist injury to Sergeant Molina.

Deputy [redacted]

On July 29, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy [redacted] in the Palmdale Station Detective Bureau Conference Room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 22, 2019, Deputy [redacted] worked Palmdale Station patrol, early morning shift, Unit 266 with Deputy Friedman. While on patrol, Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Friedman responded to a domestic violence voiced priority call for service at the Motel 6, room [redacted] Upon their arrival, Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Friedman contacted Suspect Baird, who was sitting in a car crying outside of his room, and detained him in handcuffs. They placed him in the back of their patrol car pending a domestic violence investigation.

IAB Note: This was Deputy [redacted] He was assigned to work with Deputy Friedman.

Deputy [redacted] stayed with Suspect Baird while assisting deputies conducted a possible domestic violence investigation. Suspect Baird had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage and yelled, "Take me to jail, take me to jail!" A short time later, Suspect Baird's [redacted] (Witness [redacted] left the motel with her friend.

Once Suspect Baird's [redacted] was gone, deputies explained to him there was no crime at the location, based on evidence and statements. Deputies escorted Suspect Baird back to his room. Deputy Schulz removed the handcuffs from the suspect just inside the doorframe of the room. Suspect Baird turned toward Deputy Schulz and "bladed" his body. Within seconds, Suspect Baird raised his right arm and lunged toward Deputy Schulz while yelling, "Get out of my way!" Deputy Schulz punched Suspect Baird once in the face, which caused Suspect Baird to fall backward onto the bed.

Deputies Schulz, Friedman, [redacted] and Horsley advanced toward Suspect Baird to control him. Suspect Baird yelled and kicked his legs "violently." While Deputy [redacted] attempted to control Suspect Baird's legs, he kicked Deputy [redacted] in the left hand. Deputy [redacted] was able to overcome Suspect Baird's assault and gain control of his legs using his hands and arms. While controlling Suspect Baird's legs, Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy Schulz make two rapid downward arm motions toward Suspect Baird's face. However, based on Deputy [redacted] vantage point, he did not actually see punches strike Suspect Baird's face. After the two punches, Deputy Horsley moved Suspect Baird from the bed to the floor in a prone position and handcuffed him. Once

handcuffed, the suspect began to follow the deputies' commands. Deputy [redacted] experienced pain in his left hand, but said he did not seek medical attention.

Deputy [redacted] reported his force and the force he witnessed to Sergeant Molina.

WITNESSES

Deputy Joshua Friedman

On August 5, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Friedman in the Palmdale Station Detective Bureau Conference Room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 22, 2019, Deputy Friedman worked Palmdale Station patrol, early morning shift as Unit 266 with Deputy [redacted] While on patrol, Deputy Friedman and Deputy [redacted] responded to a domestic violence voiced priority call for service at the Motel 6, room [redacted] Upon their arrival, Deputy Friedman contacted Suspect Baird, who was seated in a car just outside his motel room. Suspect Baird matched the description in the call of the suspect. The suspect was detained pending a domestic violence investigation. Deputy Friedman described Suspect Baird as "slurring his words" and "very intoxicated."

Deputy Friedman said Suspect Baird's [redacted] (Witness [redacted] was interviewed by assisting deputies, and it was determined no crime had occurred. Witness [redacted] left the scene with her [redacted] Deputies Friedman, [redacted] and Schulz escorted Suspect Baird from the patrol car to his motel room.

Once inside the motel room, Deputy Schulz removed the handcuffs from Suspect Baird. Suspect Baird became "very aggressive" and turned toward Deputy Schulz. Suspect Baird slightly turned his body toward Deputy Schulz and attempted to punch him in the face. Deputy Schulz punched Suspect Baird once in the face, which caused the suspect to fall backward onto the bed. Deputies Friedman, [redacted] and Horsley quickly advanced into the room and attempted to detain Suspect Baird; however, Suspect Baird started kicking his legs and kicked Deputy [redacted] Deputy Friedman saw Deputy Schulz punch Suspect Baird twice in the face. After the two punches, deputies were able to control Suspect Baird and handcuffed him without resistance. Suspect Baird had blood and swelling on the right side of his face.

Deputy Christopher Horsley

On July 29, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Horsley in the Palmdale Station Detective Bureau Conference Room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 22, 2019, Deputy Horsley worked Palmdale Station patrol, early morning shift, Unit 261. While on patrol, Deputy Horsley responded to a domestic violence voiced priority call for service at the Motel 6, room [redacted]

Upon Deputy Horsley's arrival, he contacted Suspect Baird's [redacted] (Witness [redacted] in room [redacted] Witness [redacted] said Suspect Baird was drunk and he accidentally bumped her in the head with the bathroom door. Deputy Horsley informed Suspect Baird there was no crime and that his [redacted] was going to leave the motel with her [redacted] Suspect Baird was angry his [redacted] left the motel.

Deputies removed Suspect Baird from the back seat of the patrol car and escorted him to his room. Once at the room, Deputy Schulz took control of Suspect Baird and escorted him just beyond the door's threshold into the room. Deputy Schulz removed the handcuffs from Suspect Baird. Suspect Baird turned toward Deputy Schulz and appeared he wanted to fight. Suspect Baird "cocked back" his right fist and lunged at Deputy Schulz to punch him. Deputy Schulz responded by punching Suspect Baird once in the face. Suspect Baird "stumbled" backward toward the bed.

The deputies advanced into the room to control Suspect Baird. Suspect Baird punched and kicked toward the deputies. Suspect Baird kicked Deputy [redacted] while he attempted to control his legs. Deputy Schulz punched Suspect Baird two additional times in the face, which caused Suspect Baird to stop his assaultive actions. Deputy Horsley moved Suspect Baird from the bed to the floor in a prone position and handcuffed him without resistance.

Suspect Baird had blood dripping from his nose or mouth. Deputies requested paramedics to treat Suspect Baird.

Deputy Christian Aviles

On August 6, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Aviles in the Palmdale Station Detective Bureau Conference Room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 22, 2019, Deputy Aviles worked Palmdale Station patrol, early morning shift, Unit 262T1. While on patrol, Deputy Aviles responded to a domestic violence voiced priority call for service at the Motel 6 room [redacted]

Upon Deputy Aviles arrival to the call, deputies were detaining an intoxicated male and attempting to calm him. Several minutes later, it was later determined there was no domestic violence crime at the location and the involved female (Witness [redacted] left the motel with her [redacted]

Once Witness [redacted] left, deputies escorted Suspect Baird back to his hotel room. Deputy Schulz removed the handcuffs from Suspect Baird and attempted to persuade him to remain in his room and "sleep it off." After a few seconds, Suspect Baird raised his right hand and lunged toward Deputy Schulz. Deputy Schulz defended himself by punching Suspect Baird in the face. Suspect Baird fell backward onto the bed. Deputy Horsley and Deputy [redacted] attempted to control Suspect Baird's upper body and legs. Suspect Baird kicked Deputy [redacted] left hand. Deputy Horsley controlled Suspect Baird's torso and moved him to the floor where he was handcuffed.

Suspect Baird sustained a bloody nose, as a result, of the incident. He was treated by paramedics at the scene and transported to the local hospital for further treatment.

Sergeant Luis Molina

On August 5, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Sergeant Molina in the Palmdale Station Detective Bureau Conference Room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 22, 2019, Sergeant Molina worked Palmdale Station patrol, early morning shift, Unit 261S. Sergeant Molina responded to a domestic violence voiced priority call for service at the Motel 6, room [redacted]

Sergeant Molina arrived at the call and saw deputies detaining a cooperative male white suspect related to the incident. The deputies controlled the incident and Sergeant Molina left the location. A few minutes later, deputies requested Sergeant Molina to return to the location because a use of force occurred. Upon Sergeant Molina's return, Deputy Schulz briefed him regarding the use of force. Sergeant Molina checked on the condition of Suspect Baird, who was seated inside the motel room. Suspect Baird was bleeding from the nose and said a deputy had punched him in the face. Sergeant Molina video recorded the contact **[EXHIBIT F]**.

Deputies Schulz and [redacted] reported their used force to Sergeant Molina. Deputy Schulz sustained a fractured wrist during the incident. Deputy [redacted] was kicked, but he was not injured.

Hours later, Sergeant Molina contacted Suspect Baird for a second video-recorded interview at Palmdale Regional Medical Center **[EXHIBIT F]**. His statement was similar to the first interview. Sergeant Molina spoke with Suspect Baird's physician. The physician said Suspect Baird sustained a facial fracture and said the injury was consistent with the reported use of force.

Detective Jeremiah McNutt

On July 29, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Station Detective McNutt in the Palmdale Station Detective Bureau Conference Room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 23, 2019, Detective McNutt was assigned Suspect Baird's case. Detective McNutt familiarized himself with the incident then contacted Suspect Baird in the station jail for an interview. Suspect Baird declined to speak about the incident, and requested an attorney.

On December 23, 2019, Detective McNutt responded to 407 W. Palmdale Boulevard, and contacted the Motel 6 [redacted] Detective McNutt recovered surveillance camera footage from the time of the incident from a camera outside of

room [redacted] Detective McNutt reviewed the video, which depicted Suspect Baird, who appeared drunk, arguing with a female. He viewed when the deputies arrived, but saw no significant activity.

Detective McNutt interviewed Ms. [redacted] who was a [redacted] of the room [redacted] to Suspect Baird's on the night of the incident. She stated she did not see the incident, but heard Suspect Baird and Witness [redacted] yelling at each other. She did not have any additional pertinent information.

Witness [redacted]

On July 29, 2020, IAB investigators conducted a consensual interview of Witness [redacted] via telephone.

On December 22, 2019, Witness [redacted] stayed at the Motel 6 with her [redacted] Suspect Baird, and her [redacted] Witness [redacted] said she had a few alcoholic drinks that night, and Suspect Baird drank too much whiskey. They argued about going to sleep and drinking too much alcohol. Witness [redacted] took the large bottle of whiskey into the restroom and poured the remnants down the drain. Suspect Baird entered the bathroom and accidentally struck Witness [redacted] with the bathroom door. He did not know she was directly behind the door.

Several minutes later, the deputies arrived and detained Suspect Baird. The deputies spoke with her and determined no domestic violence crime occurred at the location. Once deputies completed their interview, she called her friend for a ride and packed her belongings. Minutes later, she left the motel with her [redacted] and friend. She did not witness the use of force.

The following day, Witness [redacted] spoke with Suspect Baird's [redacted] who said Suspect Baird was in jail because "he got forceful with the officers."

When Suspect Baird was released on December 24, 2020, he went to Witness [redacted] residence to retrieve some property. While at her residence, Suspect Baird told Witness [redacted] "he got punched in the face by a deputy because he was resisting arrest or he tried to swing on one of them, or something like that."

SUSPECT

Suspect Paul Baird

Suspect Baird was interviewed four times regarding this incident. Palmdale Station field sergeant, Sergeant Molina, interviewed him twice within a few hours of the incident. IAB Sergeant Robert Jones, and Sergeant Ernest Ferreras interviewed him at Palmdale Station approximately nine hours after the incident. Months later, IAB Sergeant James Jordan, #[redacted] conducted a telephonic interview of Suspect Baird.

Suspect Baird (Interview #1- Sergeant Molina #[redacted]

On December 22, 2019, at approximately 0201 hours, Sergeant Molina video recorded her interview with Suspect Baird **[EXHIBIT F]**. The interview took place inside Suspect Baird's hotel room, room [redacted] Suspect Baird was handcuffed and seated on the floor. He had blood on his face. The following is a summary of the interview.

Suspect Baird said deputies arrived at his hotel room and handcuffed him. He said he did not resist them, but the deputies punched him in the face.

Suspect Baird (Interview #2- Sergeant Molina #[redacted]

On December 22, 2019, at approximately 0243 hours, Sergeant Molina video recorded her interview with Suspect Baird **[EXHIBIT F]**. The interview took place inside the Palmdale Regional Medical Center. Suspect Baird was handcuffed and seated. He had blood on his face. The following is a summary of the interview.

Suspect Baird said he had an "altercation" with his [redacted] Witness [redacted] at the Motel 6, in room [redacted] He accidentally hit his [redacted] and [redacted] with a door. The deputies responded and handcuffed him. Suspect Baird said deputies placed him on the floor, and when he tried to get up, they punched him in the face. Suspect Baird denied kicking a deputy during the incident.

Suspect Baird complained of pain to his mouth and nose.

Suspect Baird said he drank whiskey prior to the deputies' arrival, but he did not take any drugs.

Suspect Baird (Interview #3 - IAB Sergeants Jones and Ferreras)

On December 22, 2019, at approximately 1038 hours, IAB investigators Sergeant Jones and Ferreras interviewed Suspect Baird in a Palmdale Station jail interview room. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 21, 2019, Suspect Baird rented a room [redacted] at the Palmdale Motel 6, to be with his [redacted] Witness [redacted] and her [redacted] Suspect Baird drank half of a large bottle of whiskey with Witness [redacted] Suspect Baird had an argument with Witness [redacted] and called the police on himself because he accidentally hit her with the bathroom door.

Deputies arrived at the location, contacted him outside his room in the parking lot, and detained him. Deputies handcuffed him and placed him in the rear seat of a patrol car.

Several minutes later, Deputies escorted him to his motel room after Witness [redacted] left the location with her [redacted] Suspect Baird said, once in the motel room, he told deputies "Fuck you." He said the deputies pushed him onto the bed face down and un-handcuffed one of his hands. Suspect Baird said several deputies used their body weight to control him on the bed. Suspect Baird attempted to stand up because he had asthma and had difficulty breathing. He said deputies punched him "maybe like five" times in the face and moved him to the floor where he was handcuffed.
Suspect Baird said he "was phasing in and out of it…of everything." Suspect Baird only remembered pieces of the incident. He said, "I don't usually blackout" when he consumes alcohol.

Suspect Baird did not remember being interviewed by Sergeant Molina. He said he remembered going to the hospital and receiving a shot, but he did not remember if he was seen by a doctor. He remembered being at Palmdale Station and having his picture taken during the booking process.

Suspect Baird thought none of this would have happened if he had not drank so much alcohol. Suspect Baird did not take any medications and was not under the care of a psychologist or psychiatrist.

Suspect Baird (Interview #4 – IAB Sergeant Jordan – Telephonic)

On July 30, 2020, IAB investigators telephonically interviewed Suspect Baird. The following is a summary of the interview.

On December 22, 2019, Suspect Baird rented a room at the Motel 6 with his [redacted] Witness [redacted] and her small [redacted] Suspect Baird drank a large amount of whiskey and had an argument with Witness [redacted] Suspect Baird called the police and requested they respond.

Upon the deputies' arrival, they detained him in the rear seat of a patrol car. A short time later, deputies escorted him to his motel room. Suspect Baird said, "-- I definitely, you know, shoulder shrugged the -- the police officers that were there." "The next thing you know I blacked -- I blacked out and I woke up on the floor with blood running down my face." Suspect Baird said one deputy punched him in the face three times.

IAB Note: **There was a discrepancy in the number of times Suspect Baird claimed the deputies punched his face. In the first IAB interview on the morning of the incident, Suspect Baird claimed the deputies punched him five times or more. During the second IAB interview, Suspect Baird said the deputies punched him three times, and said, "I know that for a fact."**

Suspect Baird said he "blacked out" and the next thing he remembered he was in an ambulance being transported to Palmdale Regional Medical Center. Suspect Baird said

he sustained a swollen right eye, swollen right side of his face, bloody mouth, and bloody nose from the incident.

Suspect Baird said in April of 2020, he took a plea bargain, which resulted in a conviction. He was sentenced to one month of house arrest, five years of probation, 30 days of community service, and 26 Alcoholic Anonymous meetings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators attempted to interview the Palmdale Regional Medical Center treating emergency room physician, Dr. Otieno. The hospital would not give investigators a phone number for Dr. Otieno. The hospital said Dr. Otieno worked there limited hours. Investigators found, via internet, an office location in the city of Pasadena for Dr. Otieno. Twice investigators left voice mails, but to date, they were not returned. Investigators sent Dr. Otieno a certified letter, but to date, Dr. Otieno has not responded to it (See certified letter receipt in **Miscellaneous Documents**).